

**Subject: Medico-Military Inactive Status Training,
Mayo Foundation.**

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH CORPS AREA
Office of the Surgeon

Omaha, Nebraska,
August 15, 1938.

To Medical Department Reservists.

1. The tenth annual Inactive Status Training Course for Medical Department Reservists of the Army and Navy will be held at the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minnesota, October 3 to 15.

2. During the past nine years this school, the first of its kind, has been remarkably successful. Officers attending have been most enthusiastic. The general plan of former years will be followed. Special work in clinics and hospitals will be offered during the morning hours for those asking special assignments. Presentations of carefully selected subjects in military medicine are scheduled for the morning, afternoon, and evening hours. There will be appropriate sections or special courses for officers of the Dental and Veterinary Corps.

3. The school program for the last three days of the meeting, *i. e.*, October 13, 14, and 15, is merged with that of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. The Surgeons-General of the Army, the Navy, and the Public Health Service will attend and participate. Outstanding medical officers from other nations will attend. The Commanding Generals of both the Sixth and Seventh Corps Areas have signified their intention of being present.

4. All Medical Department Reservists are eligible for enrollment. Approved applicants will be enrolled upon the recommendation of the Surgeon of the Seventh Corps Area or the Surgeon of the Ninth Naval District. Applications should be made at an early date and should be forwarded through the respective Reserve headquarters of the officer concerned.

KENT NELSON,
Colonel, Medical Corps,
Surgeon.

**Subject: Proposed amendments to the California
Medical Practice Act.**

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420 State Office Building,
Sacramento, California,
August 5, 1938.

Re: Suggested amendment.

Charles E. Schoff, M. D., Chairman,
Law and Education Committee,
Board of Medical Examiners,
Medico-Dental Building,
Sacramento, California.

Dear Doctor Schoff:

The Bulletin of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, July 7, 1938, page 499, printed an article headed "Quack's Death Seen in Law," wherein attention was drawn to "the so-called Steingut Advertising Bill," which recently became a law in the State of New York. Said bill is now shown as Chapter 669, Laws of 1938, State of New York, copy of which please find enclosed.

We would greatly appreciate your giving earnest consideration to the advisability of amending the California Business and Professions Code by adding to the causes for the issuance of a citation the following:

(a) Fraud or deceit in the practice of medicine.

(b) The offering, undertaking or agreeing to cure or treat disease by a secret method, procedure, treatment or medicine; or a claim that a licentiate can treat, operate and prescribe for any human condition by a method, means or procedure which he refuses to divulge; or the advertising for patronage by means of handbills, posters, circulars, letters, stereopticon slides, motion pictures, radio, or magazine.

At your convenience, any time prior to the coming October meeting, we will be pleased to discuss prospective legislation with the possibility of reintroducing amendments to the Business and Professions Code which heretofore have failed to become the law.

Very truly yours,

C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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An act to amend the education law, in relation to annulment of registration of physicians.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of Section 1264 of Chapter 21 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An act relating to education, constituting Chapter 16 of the Consolidated Laws," as amended by Chapter 140 of the laws of 1910, such section having been added by Chapter 85 of the laws of 1927, is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. The license or registration of a practitioner of medicine may be revoked, suspended or annulled or such practitioner reprimanded or disciplined in accordance with the provisions and procedure of this article upon decision after due hearing in any of the following cases:

(a) That a physician is guilty of fraud or deceit in the practice of medicine or in his admission to the practice of medicine; or

(b) That a physician has been convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or without this state, of a crime; or

(c) That a physician is an habitual drunkard, or addicted to the use of morphin, cocain, or other drugs having similar effect, or has become insane; or

(d) That a physician *offered, undertook or agreed* to cure or treat disease by a secret method, procedure, treatment or medicine or that he can treat, operate and prescribe for any human condition by a method, means or procedure which he refuses to divulge upon demand to the committee on grievances; or *that he has advertised for patronage by means of handbills, posters, circulars, letters, stereopticon slides, motion pictures, radio or magazines; or*

(e) That a physician did undertake or engage in any manner or by any ways or means whatsoever to procure or to perform any criminal abortion or to violate Section 1142 of the penal law.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

**Subject: Coöperation of United States Consuls in
securing information concerning graduates of foreign
medical schools.**

420 State Office Building,
Sacramento, California,
August 8, 1938.

Re: Foreign medical school
graduates.

Honorable Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For several years past, the foreign medical school graduate influx has been constantly increasing.

The California Board of Medical Examiners, as well as other examining boards in the United States, has found it necessary to call upon the American Consuls for assistance in verification of credentials. Undoubtedly, this has caused a considerable increase in the volume of correspondence handled by the American Consuls in various foreign countries. This is evidenced by the enclosed copy of a letter signed Raymond H. Geist, American Consul, Berlin, Germany.

The undersigned, who has served for some twenty-five years as executive officer of the California Board of Medical Examiners, feels that the American Consul is the individual on whom we must depend for verification of foreign medical school credentials, thus lessening the possibility of acceptance of questionable credentials, which not infrequently come to our attention, bearing the names of foreign medical schools.

The California Business and Professions Code relating to the practice of medicine and surgery has been amended exacting additional requirements of foreign medical school graduates, as you will note by the enclosed printed Form 172-173.

May we hope for the continued coöperation of the respective American Consuls in foreign countries? If we can

not longer avail ourselves of this service, would appreciate your advising us as to what procedure may be followed in the future to guarantee receipt of authentic information relative to foreign medical school credentials.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,
State of California.

By C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of State

American Consulate General

Berlin, Germany,

July 9, 1938.

Dr. C. B. Pinkham,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Medical Examiners,
State of California,
420 State Office Building,
Sacramento, California.

Sir:—The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 24, 1938, in which you request this office to verify whether one ———, M. D., received a medical diploma from the Friedrich Wilhelm University at Berlin, how long he studied medicine there, and whether he is licensed to practice medicine in Germany. It is noted that this information is desired in connection with Doctor ———'s application to practice as a physician and surgeon in the State of California.

In reply I regret to have to inform you that this Consulate General is not in a position to obtain such information for aliens. It is suggested that the interested person have relatives or an agent here, such as a lawyer, obtain the necessary documents proving his allegations. These documents can be obtained from the pertinent authorities on the payment of the usual fees and in turn can be duly authenticated by this office (on the receipt of the prescribed fees) for use in the United States. As of possible assistance there are enclosed a list of American attorneys in Berlin and a list of German attorneys.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RAYMOND H. GEIST,
American Consul.

Subject: California Society for the Promotion of Medical Research.*

August 18, 1938.

Editor, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

In the August issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE you printed a list of seventy-nine organizations endorsing the campaign against the proposed State Humane Pound Act.

This number has now increased to one hundred twenty-eight, a list of those not published being attached.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. BENEDICT,
State Campaign Director.

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LIST OF ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSING WORK OF
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF MEDICAL
RESEARCH FOR THE DEFEAT OF PROPOSED
"STATE HUMANE POUND ACT"

California Tuberculosis Association
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental
Therapeutics
Certified Milk Producers' Association of America
American Genetic Association
American Psychiatric Association
National Tuberculosis Association
American Society for Experimental Pathology
American Society of Medical Technologists

* Office at 369 Pine Street, San Francisco. Telephone Sutter 8118.

American Society for the Control of Cancer
National Gastroenterological Association
American Board of Pathology
American Association of Railway Surgeons
Eastern Surgical Society
American Association of the History of Medicine
American Society of Naturalists
Agricultural Council of California
Oklahoma Academy of Science
Pacific Physical Therapy Association
California Cattlemen's Association
Association for the Advancement of Industrial Medicine
and Surgery
North Dakota Academy of Science
American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology
Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States
Association for the Study of Allergy
American Association of Orthodontists
California Association of Health, Physical Education and
Recreation
Illinois State Academy of Science
Indiana Academy of Science
American Association of Neuropathologists
American Medical Association, Woman's Auxiliary
American Veterinary Medical Association
American Orthopaedic Association
American Association of Immunologists
Bureau of Hotels, Restaurants and Purveyors
San Francisco Restaurant Association
Southern California Retail Druggists' Association
Jewish Consumptive and Expatients' Relief Association
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Dried Fruit Association of California
Italian Legion
American Chemical Society, Pacific Intersectional Division
American Meteorological Society
American Physical Society
American Society of Plant Physiologists, Western Division
Astronomical Society of the Pacific
Northwest Scientific Association
Oceanographic Society of the Pacific
San Diego Society of Natural History
Seismological Society of America
Western Society of Soil Science
Academy of Physical Medicine
French Mutual Benevolent Society
California Fruit Growers Exchange

MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE †

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Reports and Certificates Required of Physicians and Surgeons by Various Statutes

During the normal course of a physician's practice, it often becomes necessary to fill out and file reports and certificates of one kind or another.

It is believed that a review of the essential requirements relating to some of the more common reports and certificates may be helpful to practicing physicians and surgeons.

Usually a report or certificate is required because of the provisions of a statute. Sometimes, as in the case of insurance applications or reports, it is a purely voluntary act to aid a patient. In the following discussion only reports and certificates required by a law or statute will be considered.

Reporting of Injuries Inflicted by Violence

Under the terms of a statute enacted in 1929 (Deering's General Laws, Act 3431) it is the duty of every physician or surgeon who has under his charge or care a person suffering from a wound or injury inflicted by means of a knife, gun, pistol or other deadly weapon to submit a report both by telephone and in writing to the chief of police, city marshal, town marshal or other head of the police department of the city or town within which the injured person is found. If the patient resides in a rural area, the report must be made to the sheriff of the county. This statute must be complied with if the injury is self-inflicted or

† Editor's Note.—This department of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, presenting copy submitted by Hartley F. Peart, Esq., will contain excerpts from and syllabi of recent decisions and analyses of legal points and procedures of interest to the profession.